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SUBJ: KOREA AND PRIOR CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WITH GOJ.

- 1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT BOTH DCM STERN AND MYSELF REGARDING APPLICATION OF US-JAPAN PRIOR CONSULTATION FORMULA TO KOREA. KOREANS HAVE SUGGESTED WE PROVIDE SPECIFIC ASSURANCES, APPARENTLY PUBLICLY, DURING SCM THAT PRIOR CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS WILL NOT IN ANY WAY INHIBIT US FORCES IN JAPAN FROM COMING TO THE ASSISTANCE OF KOREA IN EVENT OF RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH GOJ.
- 2. KOREAN APPROACH IS OLD GAMBIT OF ROKG. IN RESPONSE, I REFERRED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO SATO UNILATERAL STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 1969 AND MY OWN CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM PRIME MINISTER CHUNG IL-KWON ON OKINAWAN REVERSION WHICH TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO SATO-NIXON MEETING. I TOLD THEM THAT WHILE I WOULD CHECK WITH WASHINGTON I WAS RELATIVELY CERTAIN NO NEW ASSURANCES WOULD BE SOUGHT FROM GOJ OR PROVIDED TO ROKG. I DISCOURAGED THEM FROM RAISING CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS ISSUE ON A MORE OFFICIAL BASIS, BUT EXPECT TO HEAR MORE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GIVEN NORMAL KOREAN PERSISTENCE. SNEIDER

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